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1. In mid-1952, a Bulgarian Border Guard Reserve Regiment was located at Belogradchik. This unit included the following personnel:
 - a. Captain Minevski, commander; replaced Major Ganev; and
 - b. Lieutenant Gozev, chief of staff.
2. The Border Guard Reserve Regiment in Belogradchik was composed of two battalions of riflemen and two mortar battalions. This unit was in training until April 1952, at which time it was transferred to border areas.
3. Officers assigned to Border Guard units were all members of the Bulgarian Communist Party and were expected to make a distinction between Party and non-Party soldiers. Those who were Party members were allowed to use the library, read newspapers, and obtain passes; the others obtained such privileges only with great difficulty. The soldiers' families sometimes wrote to them describing their state of misery and more than once the soldiers protested openly about the treatment given their families. The result was that the soldiers' mail was thenceforward censored.
4. The officers divided the soldiers into three groups:
 - a. Those believed to be very trustworthy;
 - b. Those who would probably join the enemy in the event of hostilities; and
 - c. Those who definitely opposed the present Bulgarian regime.
5. Members of Border Guard units are granted no leave during their entire 3-year period of service.

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